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SUBJ: CHINA-RUSSIA RELATIONS (U)

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(S) SUMMARY: Relations between Moscow and Beijing have improved.

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(S) KEY POINTS

- (U)  
(S) Arms and military/dual-use tech transfers to PRC increasing
- (U) (S) Both believe relationship provides leverage with Washington

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(S) DISCUSSION

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(S) For Moscow, stable relations with China balance ties to the West, reduce the danger to the Russian periphery and provide a valued outlet for Russian products
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(S) China wants to gain access to the Russian military-industrial complex, stabilize its northern border with Russia, and improve its international position
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(S) The Apr 96 summit between Russian President Boris Yeltsin and Chinese President Jiang Zemin further strengthened bilateral ties
- (U) \*\* China, Russia, and several Central Asian states signed an accord on military confidence-building measures in border areas

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